

REMARKS

Amendment to the description in paragraph [0027] (at page 18, line 22) of the present specification is merely correction of the apparent clerical error. Support for this amendment is found at page 16, line 23 in paragraph [0022] of the present specification, which shows that in the cyclic ether represented by the formula (1), at least one hydrogen atom of R¹ is optionally replaced by at least one substituent group selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group and a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group.

Amendment to the description in paragraph [0028] (at page 19, lines 5 to 6) of the present specification is merely correction of the apparent clerical error. Support for this amendment is found at page 17, lines 6 to 7 in paragraph [0023] of the present specification, which shows that in the carbonate ether represented by the formula (2), at least one hydrogen atom of R² is optionally replaced by at least one substituent group selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₁₀ alkyl group and a C₆₋₁₀ aryl group.

Amendments to claims 4 and 6 have been made only for removing multiple-multiple dependency expressions of the claims.

Thus, in the instant amendments, no new matter has been introduced. Claims 1-8 are pending in this application.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

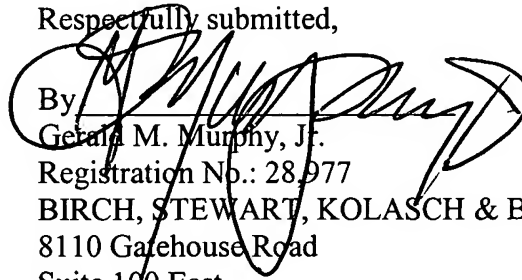
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No.

28,977) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated: September 28, 2006

Respectfully submitted,



By

Gerald M. Murphy, Jr.

Registration No.: 28,977

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

8110 Gatehouse Road

Suite 100 East

P.O. Box 747

Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747

(703) 205-8000

Attorney for Applicant